

REMARKS:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2009, Applicants acknowledge the request in the previous Office Action mailed August 19, 2008 to provide a list of co-pending applications that set forth similar subject matter to the present claims. Applicants are not aware of any new information responsive to this request.

In Applicants' response filed May 22, 2008, Applicants identified several applications that are co-pending that may relate to the subject matter of the present application. In particular, Applicants identified that applications Serial Nos. 10/327,821, 10/355,429, 10/765,725, 11/069,081, 11/069,457, 11/069,617, 11/080,009, 11/144,254 (now U.S. Patent No. 7,238,200), 11/279,246, 11/420,720, 11/457,437, 11/567,735, 11/742,424, 11/742,459, 11/742,481, and 11/742,390, as well as U.S. Patent No. 6,939,365 may disclose and/or claim multiple component heart valve assemblies and/or gasket members.

At that time, Applicants filed a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of any patent granted on the present application that would extend beyond the expiration dates of U.S. Patent No. 6,939,365, and any patents issuing from applications Serial Nos. 10/327,821, 10/355,429, 10/765,725, and 11/080,009. Thus, should an obviousness type double patenting rejection be warranted (which Applicants do not concede), such a rejection should be overcome with the Terminal Disclaimer filed at that time. With respect to the remaining applications identified above, Applicants believe that none of the claims currently pending in those applications are likely to raise any double patenting issues with the present application for the reasons given in Applicants' May 22, 2008 response.

If any additional information is desired, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time necessary to make the present response timely. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1105 (Matter ARB-9003).

Respectfully submitted,

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